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SUBJECT: AVLONA: TURKISH/UNFICYP CONFRONTATION

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1. TURKISH CHARGE NURES CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER
23 TURKISH POSITION REGARDING CONFRONTATION WITH UNFICYP
AT AVLONA. THIS FOLLOWED CONVERSATION PREVIOUS DAY BE-
TWEEN NURES AND EUR DEP. ASST. SECY LAINGEN (REFTEL).

2. NURES REPEATED USUAL TURKISH LINE THAT UNFICYP HAD
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EXCEEDED ITS AUTHORITY AND ACTED IN A MANNER WHICH WAS

INCOMPATIBLE WITH PRINCIPLE OF NEUTRALITY. ANKARA DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW SITUATION AT AVLONA HAD GOTTEN OUT OF HAND BUT FAULT CLEARLY BELONGED GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO "STARTED POURING INTO THE AVLONA AREA PROTECTED BY UNFICYP PERSONNEL," AND UNFICYP PERSONNEL WHO USED BILLY CLUBS ON INNOCENT TURKISH CYPRIOTS.

3. NURES SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT SITUATION AROUND AVLONA HAS NOW CALMED DOWN. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CLAIMS TO HAVE CONVINCED THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS TO AVOID ANY FURTHER DELAY OVER PROTOCOL PROBLEMS AND MOVE TOWARD AN EARLY AGREEMENT WITH UNFICYP.

THE TURKS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REGARDING CONTINUED UNFICYP OPERATIONS HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN PEREZ DE CUELLAR AND DENKTASH. KISSINGER

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